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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: REMARKS OF SOVIET REP ON PNES,
MARCH 21

1. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION OVER COCKTAILS BETWEEN
MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV (USSR), AND JOHNSON AND NEIDLE (US)
EVENING OF MARCH 21 IN GENEVA AFTER FINAL MEETINGS OF
JANUARY-MARCH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, MOROKHOV INTRODUCED
THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE WORK ON PNES. HE SAID THERE WOULD
HAVE TO BE A COMMITMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON PNE
ACCOMMODATION IMMEDIATELY ON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE
TREATY, MAYBE EVEN BEFORE. HE SAID THE US WOULD BE
GETTING JUST WHAT IT WANTED--NO CONDUCT OF PNES AS LONG AS
THERE WAS A WEAPONS BAN AND UNTIL THERE WAS MUTUAL AGREE-
MENT ON HOW TO CONDUCT PNES. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS WOULD

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NEVER AGREE TO THE TREATY UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS ON PNES
WOULD START PROMPTLY. THEY KNEW THAT THE PROBLEM OF
EXCLUDING MILITARY BENEFITS COULD BE SOLVED. HOW WOULD
THERE BE MILITARY BENEFITS IF YOU GAVE US YOUR DEVICES OR
WE GAVE YOU OURS?

2. US DEPUTY (JOHNSON) SAID THAT THE PROBLEM IN DRAFTING

THE TREATY WAS ACHIEVING EVEN HANDED PROVISIONS. THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE TO BE NON-PREJUDICIAL, NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST THE USE OF PNES. US ALT REP

(NEIDLE) ADDED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF PNES SERIOUSLY WITH SOVS AFTER TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE. HOWEVER, IT WAS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS A BASIC DIFFERENCE OF VIEW BETWEEN US ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM. THAT WAS WHY WE HAD ALL AGREED TO DEFER THE ISSUE. THEREFORE, IT WAS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT WOULD BE IN ANYBODY'S INTEREST TO "RUSH INTO A STALEMATE". NEVERTHELESS, WE WERE PREPARED TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE SOVIETS AFTER THE TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE. JOHNSON SAID THAT IF HE WERE INVOLVED HE WOULD HELP TO SEE THAT THERE WERE RESPONSIBLE DISCUSSIONS.

3. MOROKHOV SAID THAT THE US ONLY WANTED TO PUT THE PROBLEM OFF. WHEN DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD UNDER THE TREATY, THERE MIGHT NOT BE A REQUIREMENT OF STRICT PRIVACY, AS THERE WAS FOR THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND THEN THE WORLD SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY WOULD SIDE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. NEIDLE RESPONDED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND THAT WE WOULD NOT BE TRYING TO COMPETE ON THE BASIS OF THE POPULARITY OF OUR POSITIONS. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A SERIOUS SECRET

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POLICY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS REGARDING OUR PRESENT TASK. WE WERE COMMITTED TO TRYING TO NEGOTIATE AN APPROPRIATE PROVISION IN THE TREATY CALLING FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND HE BELIEVED THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. COMMENT: AT THE START OF THE CONVERSATION, MOROKHOV SAID HIS SIDE HAD BEEN TROUBLING HIM. HE FEARED LIVER

TROUBLE BUT A DOCTOR HAD TOLD HIM IT WAS PLEURISY. HE PROCEEDED TO DRINK A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF STRAIGHT BOURBON AND, ACCORDING TO US DEL'S INTERPRETER, MOROKHOV'S SPEECH REFLECTED THIS. HAVING IN MIND THAT MOROKHOV HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SOVIET PNE PROGRAM, HIS REMARKS PROBABLY DO NOT REFLECT MORE THAN A PERSONAL EFFORT TO PUT SOME PRESSURE ON US REPS JOHNSON AND NEIDLE, IN THE ABSENCE OF WARNKE. WHILE MOROKHOV WAS BEING ASSISTED TO HIS CAR, TIMERBAEV WHISPERED TO NEIDLE, "DON'T WORRY; IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT". NEVERTHELESS, THIS INCIDENT ILLUSTRATES THAT NEGOTIATION OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE TREATY PROTOCOL ON FUTURE PNE DISCUSSIONS MAY WELL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. MOROKHOV'S COMMENTS DO NOT

APPEAR TO INDICATE A BASIC DISAGREEMENT WITH US ON THE
UNDERLYING POLICY ISSUES, I.E., PNE DEFERRAL AND TIGHT
LINKAGE OF THE PNE MORATORIUM TO THE WEAPONS BAN. HOWEVER,
THE SOVIET DELEGATION, UNDER MOROKHOV, MAY WELL STRAIN
HARD TO GET THE MOST FORTHCOMING TREATY LANGUAGE POSSIBLE

ON FUTURE PNE DISCUSSIONS. END COMMENT. VANCE

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